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Bound Together in Love



**TOILETRIES NEEDED
FOR MANNA'S
PANTRY**

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Items Needed:

Toiletries,
toothpaste, deodorant,
soap, bath tissue,
shampoo and shaving
cream.

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Oaks has many activities to become a part of....such as Sunday School, Women's Fellowship, Bible Studies, Choir, Handbells just to name a few. If you like to sing and feel being in the choir is a place for you, then talk to Michael Rasco and we can make it happen. If you have Handbell questions, call Barb Scantlin.

December 2nd begins Advent and in preparation for that time we need your help. We have a family tree that is put up in Kirchner with ornaments that represent you as an individual or as a family. Please turn these in to either Jimmie Saldivar or Barb Scantlin. Let's make our family tree bright and shiny with family this year!!

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Oaks Notes



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

Acorns on the Ground

A Note from Don:

Most of you know that my daughter, Kelsey, is a teacher now at Lanier Middle School in Houston, Texas. The other day she came home and she and my wife and I went out to eat. (My favorite end of the day exercise.)

During the course of the meal Kelsey was telling us of this young girl who came to her desk and needed a little guidance. At the end of her story I just gave it a groan and a slight nod. Immediately I got a quick turn of the head from Kelsey and the question. "What Dad...do you not think I said the right things?"

That was not the issue at all! I told her, I sometimes have a little trouble getting my head around my daughter sitting behind a desk, giving young school girls advice! And good advice at that. I was thinking of how our family has now passed the baton of maturity and responsibility right on down the line or at least for the most part, I'm still working on that maturity thing.

Now we must not forget that the same holds true in a church family. We must give everyone a chance to grow and mature. And just like most of our kids they didn't really grow up until they stepped away and found that great place that would allow them to spread their wings.



So lets make sure that we are "that great place" were others can come and spread their wings. A place where they can look to others around them to find wonderful Christian examples to follow and walk within ministry and not be tied down by traditions they don't understand, but only feel compelled to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the best of their understanding. Then hopefully one day they will sit and moan and nod. As the next generation behind them comes in and does things they thought; "they" could never do!

In His Grip,
Pastor Don



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NOVEMBER 2012

Disciples of Christ - Bound Together in Love

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Daylight Savings Time Fall Back 1 Hour 11/4.</div> <div>Thanksgiving Special Offering 11/11 and 11/18.</div> <div>Pastor's Bible Study Every Tuesday 6:15 p.m.</div> <div></div>				1	2 Church Office Closed	3
<div>4 Bread Sunday Crop Walk</div>	5	6 Love Meals 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study	7 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	8	9 Church Office Closed	10
11 Victory Dinner (After Worship)	12 Board Mtg.	<div>13 Prayer Circle 9:30 a.m. Old Town Spring</div>	14 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	15	16 Church Office Closed	17
18	19	20 NO CWF Meeting NO Pastor's Bible Study	21 NO Choir rehearsal NO Bell Practice	22 	23 Church Office Closed	24 <div>Church Thanksgiving Community Outreach</div>
25	26 Church Office Closed	27 CWF Out to lunch	28 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	29	30 Church Office Closed	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
04 - Wesley Hudson
12 - Charles Slocum
15 - Jacob Salinas
17 - Louis Pitts
19 - Rod King
22 - Linda Joseph
22 - Susan Hirt Dyes

November Birthdays cont.:
25 - Bill Odena
26 - Michael Simons
27 - Don Whitley
30 - Amber Leissner,
30 - Lance Leissner

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:
05 - Joe and Jimmye Saldivar
07 - Al and Charlotte Leissner
22 - Jose Louis and Jennifer Salinas



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A Note of Gratitude, Looking Ahead, Church Attendance and Treasury Report
ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!

Words cannot do justice to my gratitude to you, my church family, for the support of prayers and love that you have given to Bill and I during his battle with cancer. From his first diagnosis to the end of his earthly days, we were encircled with love from all of you. Actually from the first day our family set foot in the Sanctuary of Oaks in 1986 we were embraced with a love that was so deep, I knew this would be the family that we could depend on when we lived so far from our family in Kansas. And I also knew that God had sent us specifically to Oaks for reasons that I wouldn't understand till years later.

I have seen the loving support that Oaks has shared with so many people in its history, but to be the recipient is so much like witnessing the Holy Spirit in the flesh, I can only suspect a little of how the characters of the Old Testament must have felt when they witnessed God and his angels working in their lives.

Many thanks to Pastor Don and Linda and to Sonja for their beyond job description nurturing that they gave to Bill and me. To my dear wonderful CWF family that listened to my feelings of despair and made me laugh to forget my troubles, I circle you with my love. And to all of my Oaks family that sent cards of encouragement to Bill, just know that he was touched greatly by your love. May God's blessing be upon all of you for reaching out as Christ did to us in need!!

With Abundant Gratitude and Love, Barb

LOOKING AHEAD - Barb Scantlin

On December 16 at 5:00 p.m. our annual Family Festival will take place. We meet at 5:00 for a light supper and then clean the tables to make ornaments!! Please bring desserts and come and eat, fellowship and then cap the evening off by participating in the Live Nativity. We dress in costume and stand as statues for 15 minute periods being replaced by another group of statues. You can take a breather and dress as another character for the next replacement. It is Oaks' gift to the community and the community does enjoy it greatly. Children under the age of 5 are too young to participate in the Nativity as they must stand perfectly still for 15 minutes. We have 9 characters to stand as, so come help us have a good presentation to give to our community. Any questions, please call Barb Scantlin.

December 1, 2012 - Baby shower for Sammy Sarabia and Michael Spencer. It will be held in Kirchner Hall at 10:00 A.M.. They are registered at Target, Wal-Mart and Babies R Us.

December 4, 2012 - CWF Christmas party at the White Flamingo. We will have a car pool for those that don't want to drive. Call Jimmye Saldivar 713-681-1043 if you need a ride. We will meet at church at 6:00 P.M..

December 9, 2012 - Delivery of cookies that were ordered in November.

December 11, 2012 - Prayer Circle at 9:30 A.M.. We will put together the Goodie Bags for our shut-ins. The Elders will deliver them. Please bake cookies, candies or crackers to put in the bags.

December 16, 2012 - We will make Christmas ornaments in Kirchner Hall at 5:00 P.M.. Live Nativity to follow around 6:30 or 7:00 P. M.. Please plan to attend and stand in the Nativity. We take it in 15 minutes segments so we will need quite a few people. We try to provide Mary, Joseph, 3 Wise Men and 3 shepherds. It is a very moving experience.

December 22, 2012 - Community Free Lunch will be served between 12:00 and 2:00. Jimmye Saldivar

OCTOBER Church Attendance Report			
Attendance for the Month of SEPT.	Sunday School	Church Attendance	
OCT 07, 2012	13	38	
OCT 14, 2012	13	42	
OCT 21, 2012	13	52	
OCT 28, 2012	11	45	
TOTALS	50	177	
From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake			
Operating Account 2012	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Deposits	\$9,170.50	8279.00	9853.00
Disbursements	9,572.11	10844.47	10675.93
Difference	(\$401.61)	(2565.47)	(822.93)